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1. Life in Szeged - which is located almost directly on the Hungarian-Yugoslav border - went back to normal again after the political differences between Yugoslavia and the East Bloc were settled. The large concentration of various army units south of Szeged has been dissolved. The Soviet troops which, at the height of the tension, were stationed in the vicinity of Feher lake, about 18 km south of Szeged, have disappeared from this area.

2. During the administrative reform, the town was deprived of its large agricultural suburbs, losing from the reform more than one third of its population, which are now located in a number of separate villages.

3. The Petofi Military barracks are located on Marx square (formerly Marx Ter) in Szeged. This is still the main market center for flowers and fruit. The barracks face the square from the south, forming a 100-meter front. The buildings were constructed before World War I in the traditional Austro-Hungarian Monarchy style. Since they have been only slightly renovated, they are now one of the oldest and most unmodern military objects. The main entrance is from London Korut through a large yard. An exit leads from this yard to Kereso ut. Parts of the infantry regiment (Code No 3727) are quartered in these barracks. The headquarters of this regiment are in the same building. The commanding officer is Lt Col [illegible] Bekesi. The regiment is partly motorized but it still has horse-drawn supply units.

4. The Tunosics Military barracks are close to the Petofi barracks on Kereso ut, housing the rest of the infantry regiment. These barracks were completely renovated after World War II. Its layout is similar to that of the Petofi barracks, the only difference being that its buildings are located in between a match factory (north of the barracks compound) and a knife factory (south of the compound).

5. The Military Court and "Csillag" Prison are on the western side of Marx square. This is one of the most widely known prisons in Hungary where not only military personnel but also a number of political prisoners are kept for life terms.

6. There are some small military barracks on Honved Ter in the old pre-war barracks which have been renovated and modernized. Another signal unit is stationed on Petofi Sugarut in the vicinity of the "Old Cemetery" made up of five buildings which occupy a whole block. These barracks were modernized after the war (1951/1952).

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7. Some engineers' barracks are in the vicinity of the Tisza railway station on Aprilis 4 Sugarut. These pre-war barracks were modernized after the war. A strong battalion of pioneers is stationed there. The training grounds of this unit are on the island formed by the Tisza, south of the town.

8. AVH barracks. The new barracks of the AVH are located in a suburb of Szeged. They consist of five buildings. The building in front has three stories, and houses the headquarters and the AVH NCO's school.

9. There is a military hospital on Tolbuhin ut.

10. Besides these military objects in Szeged there is a small iron foundry and some spare parts production workshops on Puglagyar ut.

11. There is a plywood factory, newly constructed in the western outskirts of Szeged, close to Kishunderesma village.

12. The cultivation of red peppers, vegetables and wine which was neglected to some extent after World War II has been working full-scale again. The only industrial branch not revived in Szeged is the processing of tobacco.

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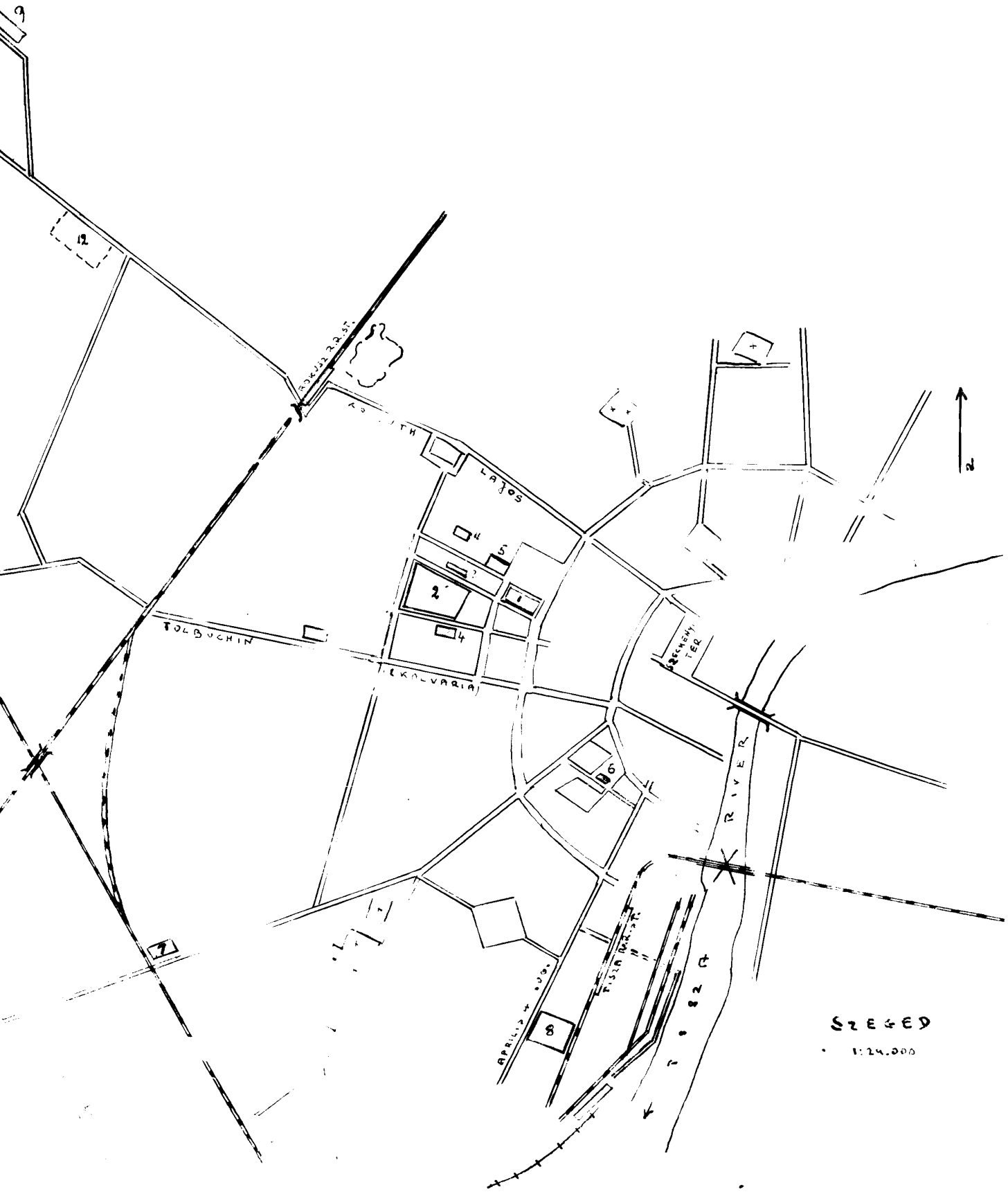

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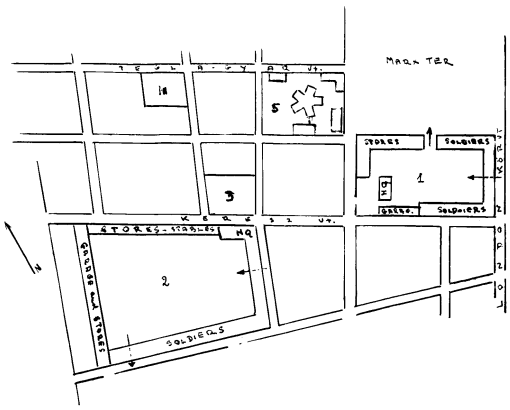

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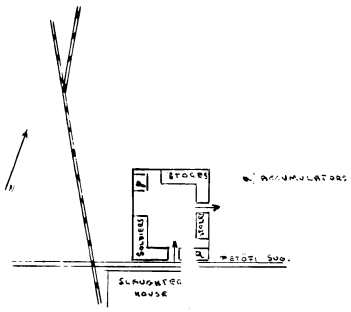
3. Matra Factory
4. S.c. "Csillag" Polit. and Mil. Pris.
5. Iron Foundry



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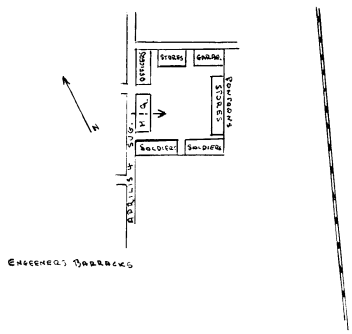
SOLDIERS' MILIT. BARRACKS



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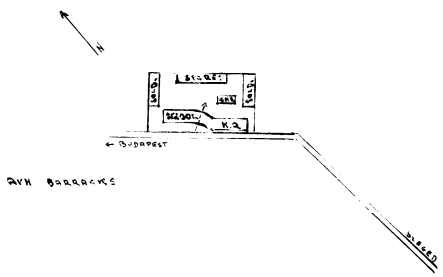

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LEGEND TO SKETCH OF SZEGED:

1. Petofi Military barracks
2. Tancsics Military barracks
3. Match factory
4. Knife factory
5. Military Court and "Csilag" Prison
6. Small Military barracks
7. Signal Unit (made up of five buildings)
8. Engineers barracks
9. AVH barracks
10. Military Hospital
11. Small iron foundry and spare parts production workshops
12. Pig Raising Farm
13. Plywood factory (Does not appear on sketch)

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